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Red Dowling telephoned me last night to say Jim Conant thought it would be well if I could go to Baden Baden next Monday and discuss the EDC situation with Chancellor Adenauer.

Crosby Noyes, of the Washington Evening Star, came to see me this morning. He feels quite optimistic -- but without inside knowledge -- of Mendès' intention to pass the present text of the EDC Treaty, with such face-saving interpretations as he can obtain from the other Foreign Ministers.

Margaret and Phil Bonsal came to lunch with us. Phil thinks the Indo-China settlement at Geneva, although inevitable, especially in view of the French domestic political situation, represented a great defeat for U.S. Far Eastern policy.

Tonight we went to Versailles.

Doug Dillon telephoned me to say he and Jebb had been summoned to see Mendès tomorrow morning at 10:30, at which time he expects to be given the Prime Minister's views, at least of a preliminary nature, on EDC. Meanwhile, Tommy is keeping us supplied with a constant flow of news as to what is going on in the tug of war between the pros and antis. Although there is a Cabinet meeting today in which the EDC will be discussed, the real showdown will probably not occur before the Cabinet meeting Friday night.

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